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— OF THE —
NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

— OF THE —
CHICKASAW ASSOCIATION

— HELD WITH —
SHUBUTA BAPTIST CHURCH.

— BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 26, 1884. —

J. W. BOZEMAN, D. D., MODERATOR . . . MERIDIAN, MISS.
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SHUBUTTA, MISS., Sept. 26th, 1884.

THE CHICKASAWHAY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met this day with the church at Shubuta.

Elder J. W. Bozeman, the moderator, called the Association to order, and after singing and prayer the church letters were read by Brothers W. H. Hardy and J. P. Seabrook, and the following representation was announced:

Bethlehem, (Lauderdale)—L. M. Stone.

Meridian—Rev. J. W. Bozeman, W. H. Hardy, W. J. David, A. R. Carter, W. P. Broach.

Enterprise—H. R. Ward, Frank C. McGee.

Quitman—W. D. Northrup, A. D. Kirkland.

DeSoto—H. A. Covington, J. O. McQuaig.

Shubuta—Geo L Donald, T W Campbell, J M Phillips, L E Hall.

Salem, (Waynesboro)—W B Robinson.

New Hope—T J Holcombe, J L Gray.

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Buckatunna—Joseph Davis, T H Brown.

Big Creek—By Letter.

Ellisville—J T Barrett.

Central—H B Cooper.

Petitionary letter was presented by S. W. Joiner from Sandersville church, and upon motion the church was received into the Association.

Yellow Creek church also presented petitionary letter by hands of J W Busby, and was received.

Augusta Baptist church presented petitionary letter at hands of Elder S O Y Ray and was duly received.

On motion proceeded to election of officers by ballot with the following result, Elder J W Bozeman, moderator, and Frank C McGee, clerk.

The following resolution offered by Elder L E Hall was adopted:

Resolved, That we meet at 9 a. m. and at 2½ p. m., and adjourn at 12 m. and 5½ p. m.

Corresponding messengers were received as follows: Rev C M Partin, Benj Thigpen and W C Phillips from Salem Association;

W H Patton as representative of the Home Mission Board and the Board of Sustentation;

W H Hardy, State Mission Board;

L E Hall, Mississippi College.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats with us.

The following resolution was adopted in lieu of the appointment of corresponding messengers :

Resolved, That any member of this Association who may attend the session of any kindred body with which we correspond is hereby authorized to act as a messenger from us.

The Association holds correspondence with the following Associations: Ebenezer; Bethlehem; Choctaw; Liberty; Salem; Mt Pisgah; Gulf Coast; General Association and others that messengers may visit.

Representatives of the Press were invited to seats to report proceedings if they should see proper to do so.

The following committee appointed on Devotional Exercises: Delegates of Shubuta church and T J Holcombe, W P Broach.

Finance Committee: S W Joiner, H R Ward, A D Kirkland.

Adjourned to 2½ o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2½ o'clock p. m. the Association was called to order and was opened with singing and prayer.

On motion of Brother W. H. Hardy, the reports on State Missions and Associational Missions were made the special order for to-morrow at 15 minutes before 10 o'clock, and the report on Education was made the special order for 11:15 to-morrow morning.

The amendment proposed to Art. 7 of the Constitution as approved at the last meeting was adopted.

On motion of Brother L. E. Hall to-morrow evening, beginning at 7½ o'clock, was set apart for consideration and discussion of Foreign Missions.

Committee on Devotional Exercises reported that Elder J. W. Bozeman preach to-night.

Report of standing committee on Associational Missions was received and adopted.

The moderator submitted the list of committees at follows :

EDUCATION—L E Hall, H H Rowell, H A Covington.

STATE MISSIONS—Geo L Donald, W H Hardy, T H Brown.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS—W H Hardy, D T Beard, J O McQuaig.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS—W D Northrup, W J David, W Z West

SUSTENTATION—Joseph Davis, Jno P Seabrook, W B Robinson.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—L M Stone, T J Holcombe, J W Busby, J M Phillips.

NOMINATIONS AND REQUESTS—F C McGee, A R Carter, J L Gray, H B Cooper.

TEMPERANCE RESOLUTIONS.

On motion of Brother Hall the resolutions adopted at the last meeting of the Association on Temperance, were re-affirmed as follows :

1st. That all churches should take a high and firm stand against intoxicating liquors, as to their manufacture, use or sale.

2d. That it is wrong for any church member to visit saloons, or to sign petitions of others to sell intoxicating liquors, or to go on the bond of liquor sellers.

3d. That the cause of Christ is greatly injured by retaining in our churches whisky drinkers, whisky sellers, visitors of saloons and signers of petitions to sell whisky.

4th. That members who persist in making or using or selling intoxicating liquors, in visiting saloons or signing petition of others to sell such liquors ought to be brought under the church discipline.

5th. That in the great contest now going on between the liquor power and morality, law, order and christianity, it behooves every christian to be positively and openly on the right side.

6th. That we recommend to our entire membership to exert every honest influence in their power to arrest the licensed sale of all intoxicants as a beverage.

On motion of Brother W H Hardy the moderator appointed a standing committee of three on *Co operation*, composed of the following: W H Hardy, W H Patton, J T Barrett.

7 1/2 O'CLOCK P. M.

Quite a large congregation assembled at the Baptist church and heard Brother J W Bozeman preach. The sermon was simple in matter and in delivery, was listened to attentively and was eminently suited to the occasion.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Association re-assembled at 9 a. m. Religious exercises were conducted by the moderator. Minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and approved.

Letter was read from Big Creek church.

Petitionary letter was read from Hattiesburg Baptist church, and upon motion the church was received into the Association.

Petitionary letter was presented by Brother C L Thatch from Estabatchie church, and upon motion the church was received into the Association and the hand of recognition extended by the moderator.

There being fifteen minutes before the regular hour on State and Associational Missions it was moved that it be spent in devotional exercises.

Brother G L Donald read report on State Missions, and allowed until 2:30 p. m. to prepare for the press.

Brother W H Hardy read the report on Associational Missions, and the same was discussed by Brethren, Hardy, Ray and others.

Report on Associational Missions was amended on motion of Brother H Brown by recommending that one Sunday during the year be set apart for sermons on the subject of State and Associational Missions and collections for same.

Special order on Education deferred to 2:45 this evening.

While discussing Report on Associational Missions a collection was taken up for Sandersville church amounting to \$50.25 in cash and pledges.

Bro H Woodsmall, representing the work among the colored brethren, was welcomed to a seat and discussed his mission.

On motion of Bro Seabrook a collection was taken for Choctaw Indian Missions amounting to \$3.35.

The various reports of the committees were received, discussed and adopted.

The following Resolutions were unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are cordially tendered the good people of Shubuta for their generous hospitality in entertaining the members of the Association.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and hereby tendered to the moderator and clerk of this association for the efficient manner in which they have discharged their duties.

The following resolution offered by Bro. W. H. Patton was adopted :

Resolved, That the delegates of this Association be requested to use their influence in securing the introduction of Temperance Text Books into our private schools, and at the proper time, before the meeting of our next legislature, that petitions be circulated asking the legislature to pass an Educational bill making provision for instruction in the public schools upon the subject of the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants and narcotics upon the human system.

The National Temperance Society and Publication House, 58 Reade St. New York, publish the following valuable important text books upon the nature of alcohol and its effects upon the human system, which should be placed in every school in the land : The Temperance Lesson-Book, Alcohol and Hygiene, Boy's and Girl's Temperance Text Book.

Elder L. M. Stone preached the missionary sermon on Sunday and a collection was taken amounting to \$190.85 in cash and pledges for State Missions.

On Saturday night Elder W. J. David delivered an instructive and entertaining lecture on the work in Africa, and a collection was taken for that work amounting to \$25.00 in cash.

The proceedings were harmonious and a Christian spirit pervaded the meetings. One church withdrew from the Association and five were received into membership.

The business completed, the Association adjourned to meet with the church at Ellisville on Friday before the last Sunday in September, 1885.

J. W. BOZEMAN, Moderator.

FRANK C. MCGEE, Clerk.

NOMINATIONS AND REQUESTS.

The committee on Nominations and Requests report the following nominations : Standing committee on Associational Missions : L. E. Hall, W. H. Patton, O. H. P. Jones ; Ministerial Education, A. H. Smith, W. H. Patton, J. P. Seabrook, M. W. Buckley, J. M. Shumate ; Delegates to Baptist State Convention : J. W. Bozeman, W. H. Hardy, Truman Gray, Frank C. McGee, C. L. Thatch, W. H. Patton, Joseph Davis.

We recommend that the request of Central church for a letter of dismission be granted.

Ellisville church asks for the next meeting of the association, and we recommend that the request be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK C. MCGEE, Chm'n.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Your committee appointed at the last session of this body to direct the missions of this association, beg leave to report that they laid the necessities and claims of this work before the State Mission Board and made overtures for pecuniary help to carry it on. The State Board appointed a committee of three, T. J. Walne, W. H. Hardy and J. W. Bozeman, to confer with the associational committee about the need of missionary effort, and the men to supply the need. The State Board made an appropriation of one thousand dollars to this work, on our representation that the Chickasaw Association

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would contribute very largely to that object. Two hundred dollars of the amount was designated by the State Board for brother H. B. Cooper, who labors in Perry county.

The services of brother S. O. Y. Ray were secured for his whole time to labor in the bounds of our association and the contiguous territory, at a salary of seven hundred dollars for the entire year, and his railroad fare, provided the field would pay the fare. He will report his work to this session at a proper time.

Your committee are furthermore profoundly impressed with a sense of the debt of gratitude owed by this association to brother J. M. Phillips, and its moral obligation to compensate him for the large and efficient missionary work done by him in our bounds at his own motion and expense. The committee begged for an appropriation from the State Board to pay Brother Phillips, though all unasked by him, for his voluntary and successful ministerial service in destitute places. The lack of sufficient funds was the only reason the Board did not make the additional appropriation.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BOZEMAN, Chm'n.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee appointed at the last session of this body beg leave to submit the following:

The committee deplore the falling off of the interest in this branch of our work in this Association. We should not let a work so nobly set on foot by our beloved late Brother Jas. Nelson go down. Our last year's minutes show twenty-four dollars was given, and the letters sent up this year show only ten dollars for this important work. A circular letter was sent to influential members of each church in our Association and none responded; not even the members of the committee have contributed. Our ministry must be educated; educated somehow either at college or at home. There is an imperative demand for it, such an one as cannot be set aside by the churches; a demand that comes from every source. The condition of the world to-day with its ever increasing facilities for educating the masses; the church with its heaven-given commission to "TEACH" the ignorant of mankind their need of instruction; the attacks that are made on the religious, and the God of the Bible demand that we should educate our ministry. We shall never realize the resources of the Baptists of the State till we have an educated ministry to teach every community. Every interest of the church of God in this world makes this demand on us. Let us not be slow to hear the voice of the Master as He lays down at our feet an ignorant lost world with the command, "Teach them!" Mississippi College at its last session just closed had thirty-two young men as students and beneficiaries. Some of these have been entirely sustained by the college without aid from the Associations and churches. This is a sad fact that ought not to continue.

The amount of money used last year in Mississippi College for this purpose was \$738.34; this amount should be greatly increased. We are happy to report that our people are waking up to this important interest on this continent, as they never have before. There were last year in all the United States, something over thirteen hundred men in Baptist schools and colleges preparing for the work of the ministry. Let the number be augmented a thousand-fold till every community shall have men who are prepared to grapple with the great questions that force themselves daily on us, men called of God to preach the Gospel of the Son of God in this world.

We therefore recommend that our ministers within this Association shall bring the subject of Ministerial Education before their people, and take up a collection and send the same to Elder A. V. Rowe, Secretary, Clinton, Miss.; that we look up worthy young preachers that feel they are called upon to preach the Gospel, but unable to procure an education, and report them to the Committee on Ministerial Education. And if we have none within the Association, that we look after some one that belongs to another Association. We have reason to be proud of our young ministers that we have aided at Mississippi College.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. PATTON, for Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School is aptly termed "The church at work," for it can be nothing more nor less than christians actively engaged in an organized capacity teaching the Word to every creature. All the members of Christ's church should as a conviction of duty be abettors to and helpers in the S. S. work. The work is emphatically and primarily the teaching of the Scriptures to our children and others whom we may possibly reach. It is the sentiment broadened out into practical application that Joshua uttered when he said, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

The value of the Sunday school system of operation in Christ's cause cannot be too highly estimated. And as this department of labor opens up such a vast and available field "ripe already unto the harvest," we regard the responsibility immediate and intense upon every member of the church to take part in the labor. "Why stand ye here all the day idle?" is a question that every one may ponder. Will not every one go into the Lord's vineyard and serve!

The Sunday school is not an institution of itself; not a separate and self-existing organization, but simply a plan of christian work conducted by the church in keeping with its vested rights and authority as derived from God's word. It is the throbbing of the church's heart of zeal and love, by which the warming and vitalizing blood and spirit of Christ is circulated through the whole body to its growth and vigor, and unto its increased power for good. We urge every church to foster an active Sunday school through the entire year, and try first to enroll every member in its work, and adopt such system of instruction of the Bible as will best suit the needs of the community. Respectfully submitted, L. M. STONE, Chm'n.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Home Missions beg to report:

The success of our home work during the past year is marked, as evidenced by the fact that 5,665 were received by baptism and 1,525 by letter. This, we suppose, is due in a great measure to a more perfect organization, a better selection of minister- and a more judicious expenditure of means, and above all these to the smiles and blessings of our Redeemer upon the instrumentalities used. The increase the past year in laborers and results is from 50 to 100 per cent. 144 missionaries were employed by the Home Mission Board and about \$48,000 expended including incidental expenses and salaries of officers. We find that it has cost less than \$12.00 for every one brought into our churches. As God's servants, we should render unto Him adoration for having crowned our efforts with such gratifying results.

We would urge every Baptist in our land to be diligent in business, fervent in prayer and liberal in giving to the spread of the Gospel. We would call your attention to the colored people in our midst. They have been neglected by us too long. They need the pure gospel. They cannot have it unless their teachers are informed. While we have missionaries in Africa we should not be unmindful of those in our midst. Brethren, they need our help. Shall they have it? We were pleased to meet Brother Woodsmall, who is laboring in the interest of the colored people of the south, and your committee cheerfully recommend him and his work to the Baptists of this and other sections of our country; and we further recommend that this Association co-operate with him in his noble work.

We would call your attention to the Choctaw Indians in our State, and recommend that something be done for them.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. NORTHRUP, Chm'n.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions beg to report

That the foreign field is extensive and widely severed and embraces a large per cent of the human family, say nine-tenths, of whom two-thirds have never heard the gospel. We believe it is the duty of christians to send the gospel to them. To do this we must have men and money. No brother is willing to undertake this at his own expense; in fact, he is not required to do so by the Great Head of the church. To this end we recommend that the pastors preach two or more sermons, at stated times, in each church and take up collections for this purpose. We approve the action of the Foreign Board

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at Richmond in asking for \$100,000 for this year's work and the convention for agreeing to \$8,000 for Mississippi Baptists, and we earnestly request each member of the churches composing this Association to contribute to this fund.

Respectfully submitted, Wm. D. NORTHROP, Chm'n.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Baptists believe that it is their duty as it is their God-given mission to promote the welfare of our race and by every possible means encourage whatever tends to increase human happiness and exalt our fallen humanity. Believing education to be the most potent of all the available instrumentalities for the accomplishment of these great ends, we feel it to be our duty to place ourselves in the front rank with all who are laboring in this great work. We believe in the education of the masses, of all the people, black and white, and while we deplore the fact that the support of public education by the State has been made dependent in part upon unholy resources, we recognize the spirit manifested as a laudable one and would in every legitimate way encourage the public education of the masses. But while we owe to the State as citizens our support in its endeavors to educate its people, there is still an obligation of a higher and a holier character which we owe to God and to the generation in which we live to secure to every one as far as possible a christian education.

If we meet in any degree the measure of our responsibility in this respect we must maintain our own institutions which are controled and directed for this exclusive purpose. We have in this State a number of female colleges, institutions which are under direction of pious and noble christian men and women. These deserve our sympathy and support. But we have at Clinton, Miss., an institution which has claims upon our prayers, our sympathies and our pockets that are paramount to all others of a similar character. For more than a third of a century this institution has stood fast, amid the ravages of war and the perils of financial wreck and disaster. The last few years of its experience have been the brightest in its history. It stands today as a monument to the devotion of the few, comparatively, who have stood by it in honor and dishonor. What it needs now is not so much a long report in its favor as money to support it. The board of trustees have inaugurated a plan for its endowment, and we recommend that our people respond liberally toward the permanent endowment of our college.

Respectfully submitted,

L. E. HALL, Chm'n.

SUSTENTATION.

Your Committee on Sustentation respectfully submit the following:

At the meeting of the Baptist State Convention at Meridian, in 1881, the subject of Sustentation was presented, and a Board was appointed to raise funds for superannuated Baptist ministers and the needy families of deceased Baptist ministers. At the meeting of the Convention at Sardis in 1882, J. R. Kirkland was appointed president and W. H. Patton secretary and treasurer, and at Crystal Springs in 1883, the State Convention appointed a new Board on Sustentation, of which Dr. A. H. Smith, of Meridian, is president and W. H. Patton, of Shubuta, is secretary and treasurer. At the State Convention in 1884 no change was made in the officers. (As to the Board of Sustentation we refer you to the minutes of the State Convention.)

We find that in the last report the actual amount on hand last year was only \$85.00, nothing having been expended by the former board. The present board have expended for the support of indigent ministers since last report, \$80.00, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$153.00, a sum not sufficient to effectually carry on this noble work. Therefore, your committee would respectfully recommend that all the churches of this Association take active steps by appointing some member or members of each church to act as a committee to collect funds to be forwarded to Brother W. H. Patton at Shubuta as treasurer of Board of Sustentation, that the wants of our superannuated ministers and the families of deceased ministers may be met. The sustenance of superannuated ministers and the needy families of deceased ministers is a most noble and generous charity that should be warmly engaged in by every child of God. We should lay by on the first day of every week as the Lord hath prospered us that there may be no gathering "when He comes."

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH DAVIS, Chm'n.

STATE MISSIONS.

The Committee on State Missions submitted the following.

We have to deplore the many hindrances and barriers to the progress of the work of our State Mission Board during the past year. Secretary Walne having resigned in consequence of failing health, cast a gloom over the Board at the loss of a secretary so able and efficient. The Board then elected Bro. Hackett to fill the vacancy in secretaryship and were cheered and encouraged at the prospect of having another secretary, who was in every respect equal to the task. In this they were again doothed to disappointment. When the Board on the 27th November, 1883, met to receive his acceptance of the position and work, they received his declension. In this perplexity and suspense the Board secured the services of Eld. L. Ball, who took charge of the work on the 1st of January last. Secretary Ball in his report to our state convention in July, speaks of difficulties in the way, and gloomy prospects ahead, but wisely concludes, that these are but trials of our faith and fidelity to Christ. Your committee feel deeply impressed with the great importance and necessity of the work of our State Mission Board. Its work is not confined alone to our own State, but includes that portion of Louisiana east of the Mississippi River. Within this vast territory there are thousands of men and women, who have not the word of God preached to them and who are perishing for the want of it. This great work demands our sympathies, our prayers and our help. It is our duty, and one we cannot ignore as Christians—as Baptists—to send the Gospel to this destitute people, while so many our fellow-beings—God's creatures—need the bread of life, and are perishing for want of it, and we fail to supply it, we stand guilty in the sight of God. To meet the demands of this Mission work in our bounds we need only united action—the co-operation of the great brotherhood of Baptists in our State. Your committee believes, that if there were concert of action, united effort on the part of Baptists in the State, we would soon bear no more of destitution in our territory.

Your committee express their full confidence in the integrity, piety and ability of State Mission Board, and their Secretary, Eld. L. Ball. We would commend Eld. S. O. Y. Ray for the laborious and grand work done by him during the year and urge upon the State Board to continue him in the same field for another year.

Respectfully submitted,

G. L. DONALD, Chm'n.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Associational Missions beg leave to report:

That at the last session of this body action was taken looking to the occupancy of the destitute places within the bounds of this Association. To that end a standing committee was appointed to confer with the State Mission Board with a view to have the board supply this destitution. This standing committee have made their report by which it appears that the State Board very promptly undertook the work of supplying the destitute places within our bounds, and to that end appointed Bro. S. O. Y. Ray as missionary and evangelist, to travel and preach within our bounds wherever in his judgment the needs were most urgent. His labors have been confined principally to the line of the N. O. & N. E. R. R. and territory contiguous thereto. We rejoice to be able to state that Bro. Ray seems to have been greatly blessed of the Lord in his labors as will appear by the following statistics taken from his report:

Days of actual service, 175; number of miles traveled, 2,425; number of stations, 8; number of sermons preached, 100; church prayer meetings attended, 8; families visited for religious purposes, 125; number of persons baptized, 12; number by others in meetings where I labored, 6; received by letter, 15; restored, 2; churches organized, 3; Sunday schools organized, 3; Sunday school addresses, 4; pages of tracts distributed, 276; subscribers obtained for Record, 28; amount pledged on collection book, \$132.41; amount collected of pledges, \$47.00; amount collected for church building, \$500; amount subscribed for building, \$350; number of houses commenced, 3; number of houses ready, 2.

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of labors that with singular unanimity the people gladly receive him; and he has not only their confidence and esteem but their love, and when some time since an intimation was made that he might be withdrawn from that field, letters, petitions and remonstrances came from all over his field to the State Board against his withdrawal.

Your committee do not hesitate to express it as their opinion from all the evidence before them that Bro. Ray is peculiarly fitted for that work and that under no circumstances ought he to be withdrawn. We think, however, his salary ought to be increased, and he ought to move to some central point in his field of labors with his family, and thus be enabled to give more of his time to the work. Your committee repeating the language used on the same subject at our last session, "are oppressed with the magnitude of the mission work that ought to be done."

These young churches that have been constituted ought to have a wise and faithful under-shepherd to teach and guide them. If Brother Ray is to do that his whole time would be occupied with that work, and the other destitute places would be neglected.

Your committee therefore think that Bro. Ray ought to be re-enforced by at least one efficient missionary to assist in supplying this vast field, and we recommend the continuance of the standing committee of three to bring this matter before the State Board.

Your committee also desire to speak in highest commendation of the services of Bro. J. M. Phillips in his missionary work.

And inasmuch as he has received no compensation for the same we recommend that this association call upon the churches to raise at the earliest time practicable not less than two hundred dollars, and that the standing committee herein provided for be instructed to see that said sum be paid to him through the State Board.

As to the work of Bro. Cooper your committee is not advised, having had no report from him. His labors have been principally in Perry county, and we believe to some extent in Greene county. But we have heard that his labors have been blessed of the Lord, but we cannot report the results in detail as they have not been reported.

In conclusion your committee beg to call upon all the Baptists within our bounds to consider seriously the duty imposed upon each and all of them, of doing something for the Master, by contributing of their means to give the gospel—the blessed gospel of salvation to those who have it not.

No one is exempt, but the obligation is upon all alike to give as God has prospered them.

Let us discharge this duty as christians, faithfully and cheerfully, and thus reap the rewards of duty performed and our Lord glorified.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. HARDY, Chm'n

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your committee on Finance report the following amounts as sent up and collected in cash during the session of the association for the purposes stated: Foreign Missions, \$42 55; Home Missions, \$7 15; Associational purposes, \$32 75; State Missions, \$18.90; for Sandersville church \$24 25; Total \$125 60. S. W. JOINER, chm'n.

REPORT OF H. B. COOPER, MISSIONARY.

The undersigned submits this report of his labors in Perry county: Days of service 86; number of miles traveled (on horseback) 12 61; numbers of stations 5 to 8; sermons preached, 88; number baptized, 25; received by letter and restoration, 19; assisted in organizing two churches; pages of tracts distributed, 500 or more; amount pledged on collection book for Central church \$400; collected for personal services \$22.00; for State Mission Board, \$18 00. Besides this I have visited other points, visited families attended prayer meetings &c.

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. COOPER.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. The name of this body shall be the CHICKASAWHAY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Art. 2. Its object shall be the promotion of the Redeemer's Kingdom, by the concentration of Christian labor; the inculcation of Bible Truth, and the cultivation of friendly intercourse among the churches.

Art. 3. Members of the Association may be of two classes, viz.: delegates and messengers; the first class only having the right to vote, and to produce evidence of their appointment by the churches which they propose to represent before being entitled to seats.

Art. 4. Each church belonging to the Association shall be allowed two delegates until its membership shall exceed fifty, and an additional delegate for each fifty members thereafter; provided, that ministers who are members of any such churches, but supply other pulpits, may be appointed as additional delegates above the regular quota.

Art. 5. The Association shall only have the power of an advisory council, and shall in no wise infringe upon the rights or independence of the churches.

Art. 6. No queries shall be considered by the Association unless regularly sent up through the churches; nor shall difficulties between churches be discussed until other methods of settlement have been tried without avail.

Art. 7. The Association shall meet annually, as may be agreed upon, and, after enrolling the names of delegates, proceed by ballot to the election of a moderator, and a clerk who shall be ex-officio treasurer of the Association.

Art. 8. The duties of the various officers shall be similar to those of all deliberative bodies; and Mell's Parliamentary Manual shall be the basis of all decisions of order.

Art. 9. Churches holding the Articles of Faith adopted by this body, may become members of this Association, by a unanimous vote; and letters of dismission may be obtained, without assigning a reason therefor, by the concurrence of a majority, while the Association claims the right of withdrawing from such churches as it shall deem heterodox or disorderly.

Art. 10. This Constitution may be altered, or amended, at any annual meeting of the Association, by a vote of three-fourths of the delegates present; provided, the proposed alteration, or amendment, shall have been submitted at the session immediately preceding.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one God; the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost—equal in power and glory.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the old Testament and the new, were written by the inspiration of God; and are the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, of total depravity, and of man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

4. We believe that God chose His people, in Christ Jesus, before the foundation of the world, and that they are kept, by the power of God, through faith unto salvation.

5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only.

6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth; and as he has commanded it to be preached to every creature, therefore all are required to obey.

7. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and the only evidence of justification; and that all believers will abound therein from a principle of love.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, the just and the unjust; the general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that a visible Church of Christ is composed of faithful persons only, who have covenanted to keep up a discipline agreeable to the rule of the New Testament.

10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only law-giver of His Church, and that the government is with the Church, each member having an equal right therein.

11. We believe the Church, and Jesus Christ.

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11. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the ordinances of the Church, and are to be continued until the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

12. We believe that immersion alone is Baptism, and can be administered only by those duly set apart by the Church; and that believers in Christ only, are the proper subjects of the ordinance.

13. We believe that regularly baptized believers, only, have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. All meetings of this Association shall be opened with prayer, and closed by praise or benediction.

2. The officers of the Association shall hold their positions until successors are chosen.

3. The moderator shall preside, or some brother whom he may designate while speaking, and shall preserve order; his decisions being final, unless an appeal is immediately made to the body.

4. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise and address the moderator.

5. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject under discussion, or use personal reflections.

6. Every motion made and seconded shall be put to a vote, unless withdrawn by the mover.

7. After allowing due time for debate, all questions taken up shall be disposed of before any other motion can be entertained.

8. No member shall speak more than once upon the same subject without permission of the Association; nor shall any practice be tolerated which interrupts speaking.

9. Members shall use the term brother, when speaking of each other, and shall be rebuked by the moderator for violation of these rules.

10. These rules may be altered or amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CONTRIBUTIONS.																							
CHURCHES.	POSTOFFICE.	PASTORS.	No. Baptized	Restored	Excluded	Dead	To. Membership.	Z. Z. Schools	Z. Z. Officers & T.	Pastor's Salary.		Home Miss'ns	For. Missions	Church Expenses		S. S. Exp'nses	Miscellaneous	Total Contrib					
										\$	c.			\$	c.				\$	c.			
Meridian	Meridian	J W Bozeman	18	13	24	3	207	110		\$1429	05	\$42	36	44	31	\$1236	60	\$116	70	\$139	33	\$3146	81
Shubuta	Shubuta	L E Hall	4	6	1	1	86	60		350	00	76	00	26	20	185	00	34	00	2	50	673	70
Enterprise	Enterprise	J T Barrett	3	3	2	1	67	30		150	00	50	00			150	00	25	00	10	00	385	00
State Line	State Line	L E Hall	2	2	2	1	99	7		350	00	30	00					10	00	2	00	392	00
Beulah	Lauderdale	L M Stone	1	2	2	1	14	5		50	00	4	85	3	30	5	00	10	00	1	25	56	10
Salem	Waynesboro	W West	3	6	11	1	98	50		87	50	11	20					9	50	1	50	126	50
Buckatuna	Buckatuna	W West	3	2	3	1	21	6				1	00			12	56	21	50	1	50	36	56
Desoto	Desoto	T E Tucker	2	2	4	1	37	46		50	00			12	00			51	50	1	00	64	50
New Hope	Shubuta	J M Phillips	4	1	4		25							7	50			2	25	1	00	58	50
Concord	Shubuta	J M Phillips	11	3	5	5	40	45		16	80			3	60	12	85	5	00	11	00	60	00
Clear Creek	Quitman	W D Northrup	9	2	3	1	41	20		20	00			4	00			5	00	6	50	31	50
Quitman	Winchester	J M Sammons	9	2	3	1	56													1	50	1	50
Big Creek	Sandersville	S O Y Ray	13	7	1		42																
Sandersville	Sandersville	J T Barrett	6	1			17			30	00	2	50							2	50	35	00
Ellisville	Ellisville	S O Y Ray	2	6	5	9	11													2	00	2	00
Hattiesburg	Hattiesburg	T E H Robinson	4	13	1		67			18	00			2	00	400	00			6	25	425	25
Augusta	Augusta	S Hilduth	80	84	17	80	37	13	1082	386	38	\$2543	35	\$347	31	\$57	06	\$102	91	\$2002	01	\$280	95
Escatachie	Escatachie	S Hilduth	80	84	17	80	37	13	1082	386	38	\$2543	35	\$347	31	\$57	06	\$102	91	\$2002	01	\$280	95
Yellow Crk	Waynesboro	H B Cooper	80	84	17	80	37	13	1082	386	38	\$2543	35	\$347	31	\$57	06	\$102	91	\$2002	01	\$280	95
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Besides the above, Meridian Church reports \$146.31 contributed to Mississippi College; Shubuta reports \$100 for the College and \$10 for ministerial education, making the total contributions reported \$5,789.21.



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